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# X-MEN

BLUE

THE LAST  
**X-MEN**  
STANDING!

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THE ORIGINAL X-MEN--MARVEL GIRL, CYCLOPS, ICEMAN, ANGEL AND BEAST--WERE DISPLACED IN TIME AND BROUGHT TO OUR PRESENT. UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF THEIR FORMER ARCHENEMY AND NOW ALLY, MAGNETO, AND JOINED BY JIMMY HUDSON, THE SON OF A WOLVERINE FROM AN ALTERNATE UNIVERSE, THEY WILL SHOW THE WORLD THAT THEY ARE THE HEROES THEY WERE ALWAYS MEANT TO BE.

### PREVIOUSLY IN **X-MEN BLUE...**

WITH JEAN GREY, CYCLOPS, ANGEL, BEAST AND ICEMAN OFF-WORLD, BLOODSTORM AND JIMMY HUDSON ARE THE LAST X-MEN LEFT AT THE MADRIPOOR X-MANSION WHILE MAGNETO'S ENEMIES REMAIN AT LARGE...

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MADRIPOOR.





A large comic book panel showing Polaris, a woman with long, flowing red hair and a red visor, holding a large, mechanical foot. She is wearing a red and black suit with a cape. The background shows a cityscape at night.

MAYBE I  
JUST DON'T  
UNDERSTAND  
THE *NINJA*  
MENTALITY...

...BUT WHY  
WOULDN'T  
YOU JUST KNOCK  
ON THE FRONT  
DOOR?

A close-up of Polaris's face, looking slightly to the side with a serious expression. She is wearing her red visor and a red and black suit.

AFTER ALL,  
I THOUGHT THE  
*RAKSHA* AND THE  
X-MEN WERE  
FRIENDS.

A scene showing Polaris and several other people in a room. Polaris is in the foreground, looking towards the others. The room has large windows and a high ceiling.

DAUGHTER  
OF MAGNETO--  
FORGIVE OUR  
INTRUSION.

WE FEARED  
THAT THE X-MEN  
HAD BEEN  
*COMPROMISED*.

WE HAVE  
NOT HEARD  
FROM THEM  
IN WEEKS.


AND WE  
HAVE URGENT  
BUSINESS  
WITH YOUR  
FATHER.

A scene showing Polaris and several other people in a room. Polaris is in the foreground, looking towards the others. The room has large windows and a high ceiling.

ALL  
RIGHT.

SORRY,  
BUT I'M  
A LITTLE ON  
EDGE RIGHT  
NOW.

THE  
SITUATION  
HERE IS...  
*DICEY* AT  
BEST.

A close-up of Polaris's face, looking directly at the viewer with a slight smile. She is wearing her red visor and a red and black suit.

AND--HEY--  
INSTEAD OF  
"DAUGHTER OF  
MAGNETO," HOW  
ABOUT CALL ME  
*POLARIS*?

OR  
*LORNA*.  
FOLLOW  
ME.



"MAGNETO'S IN THE MIDDLE OF A STRATEGY SESSION."

WE'VE ENCOUNTERED SOME OPPOSITION.

BUT NOTHING WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO HANDLE.

MISS SINISTER IS MOBILIZED, THOUGH, AND WE DO NOT BELIEVE SHE IS WORKING ALONE.

IT IS AS WE SUSPECTED.

MOTHERVINE IS THE CATALYST FOR *SECONDARY* MUTATION.

MUTANTS WITH THESE ABILITIES WERE IN THE SERVICE OF THE *WHITE QUEEN*.

IT IS NOT A STRETCH TO BELIEVE *SHE* SUPPORTS SINISTER'S EXPERIMENTS.

NOR IS IT A LEAP TO ASSUME *HAVOK* IS STILL AT HER SIDE.

CAN YOU BLAME THEM?

THEY MIGHT HAVE PICKED UP THE WHOLE *STRANGE BEDFELLOWS* SCHTICK FROM YOU, ERIK.

AFTER ALL, YOU USED THE X-MEN TO STRIKE AT HER AND ALL HER PARTNERS FROM "BEYOND THE GRAVE."

I THOUGHT XAVIER'S ORIGINAL STUDENTS COULD SET AN EXAMPLE FOR THE WORLD, BRIAR.

THEY COULD OPERATE IN A WAY THAT I COULD NOT.

PEOPLE WOULD SEE THE X-MEN BRINGING CRIMINALS TO JUSTICE.

I THOUGHT THE X-MEN COULD BE SEEN AS *HEROES*, WHILE I WOULD ONLY EVER BE SEEN AS A *MONSTER*.





BUT  
XAVIER'S ORIGINAL  
STUDENTS ARE  
GONE.

THEY HAVE  
VENTURED INTO  
SPACE AND WE DO  
NOT KNOW WHEN--  
OR EVEN IF--  
THEY WILL  
RETURN.

MEANWHILE,  
OUR ENEMIES  
ARE AT WORK *HERE*...  
ON EARTH...AND  
THEY MUST BE  
*STOPPED*.



PERHAPS  
I SHOULD  
HAVE BEEN  
THE *MONSTER*  
FROM THE  
BEGINNING.



WE  
HAVE A  
LEAD.

SINISTER'S  
AGENTS ARE  
TRACKING  
SOMEONE OR  
SOMETHING.

THEY  
DON'T HAVE  
THAT MUCH  
OF A HEAD  
START.

WE'RE  
RIGHT  
BEHIND  
THEM.

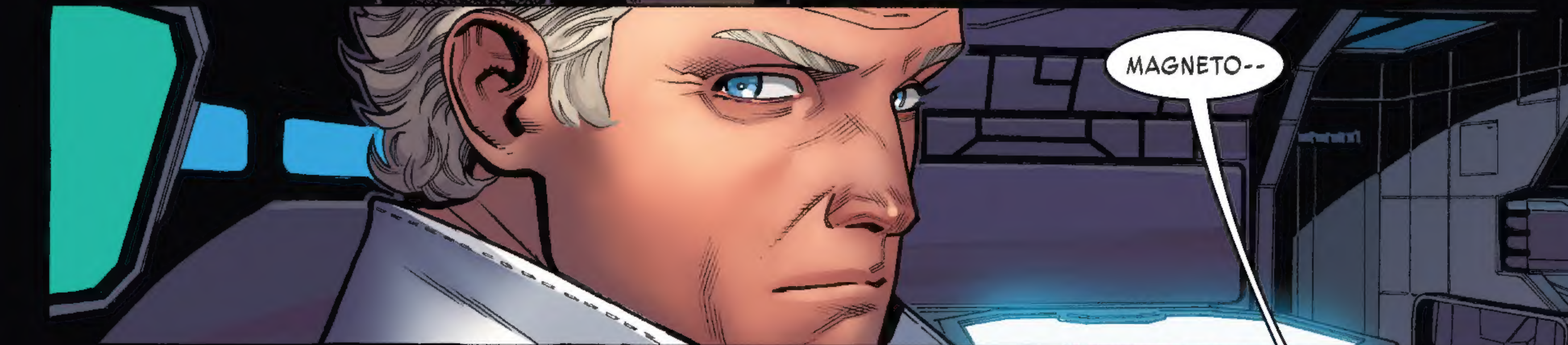
JIMMY...  
BLOODSTORM...

...THE TWO  
OF YOU ARE  
MORE *PRAGMATIC*  
THAN THE OTHER  
X-MEN.

I WANT  
YOU TO BE  
CAREFUL WHEN  
ENGAGING YOUR  
PREY...BUT LEAVE  
*NOTHING* TO  
CHANCE.

ELIMINATE  
THEM IF YOU  
MUST.

WE'LL DO  
WHAT WE CAN...  
AND WE'LL REPORT  
BACK AS SOON  
AS WE FIND  
ANYTHING.



MAGNETO--





--WE HAVE VISITORS.

NORIO.

I HOPE YOU'LL PARDON MY BRUSQUENESS, BUT WE ARE QUITE BUSY AT THE MOMENT.

WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?

MY GUESS IS THAT YOU ARE ABOUT TO BE MUCH BUSIER, MAGNETO.

WE ENCOUNTERED SOME WORRISOME INDIVIDUALS RECENTLY.

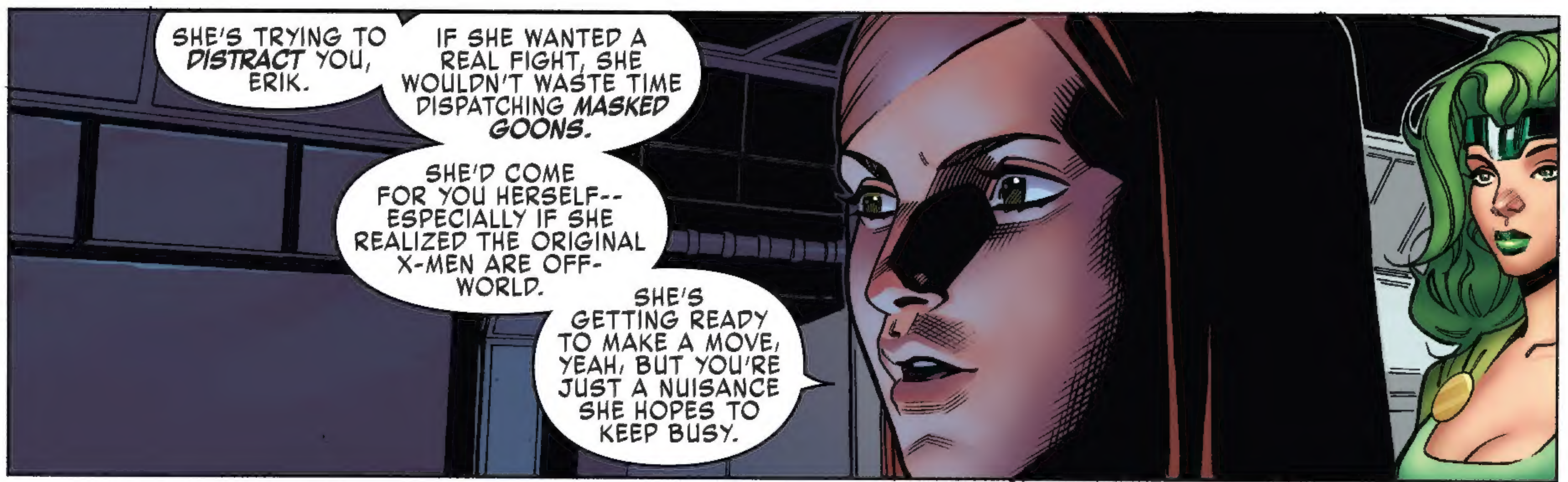
I THINK, PERHAPS, THAT YOU WILL RECOGNIZE THE MASKS THEY WORE.

THE HELLFIRE CLUB.

IN MADRIPOOR.

IT APPEARS THE WHITE QUEEN IS NO LONGER CONTENT TO WAIT FOR US TO FIND HER.





SHE'S TRYING TO  
DISTRACT YOU,  
ERIK.

IF SHE WANTED A  
REAL FIGHT, SHE  
WOULDN'T WASTE TIME  
DISPATCHING MASKED  
GOONS.

SHE'D COME  
FOR YOU HERSELF--  
ESPECIALLY IF SHE  
REALIZED THE ORIGINAL  
X-MEN ARE OFF-  
WORLD.

SHE'S  
GETTING READY  
TO MAKE A MOVE,  
YEAH, BUT YOU'RE  
JUST A NUISANCE  
SHE HOPES TO  
KEEP BUSY.



AND IS  
THERE ANY  
CHATTER WITHIN  
YOUR CIRCLES OF  
INFLUENCE,  
BRIAR?

NOTHING  
HELPFUL.

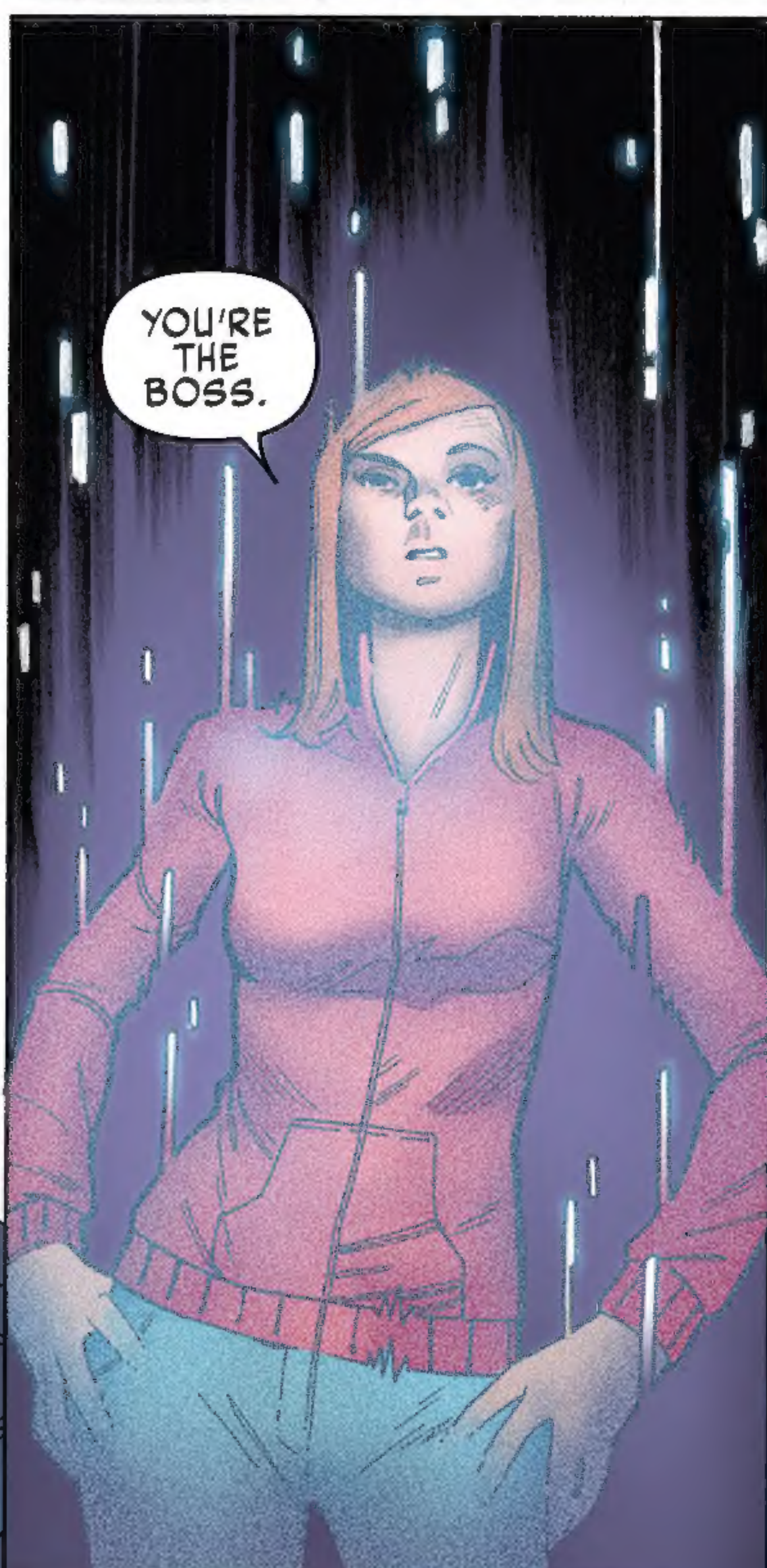
MY  
CONTACTS  
KNOW *SOMETHING*  
IS COMING, AND THEY  
THINK IT WILL DO A  
LOT OF DAMAGE  
TO A LOT OF  
PEOPLE.

THEY'RE ALL  
LATHERED UP  
IN ANTICIPATION  
OF THE NEXT BIG  
SUPER VILLAIN  
CATASTROPHE.



WE STAY  
THE COURSE,  
THEN.

WHAT WE  
HAVE SET IN  
MOTION REMAINS  
IN MOTION.



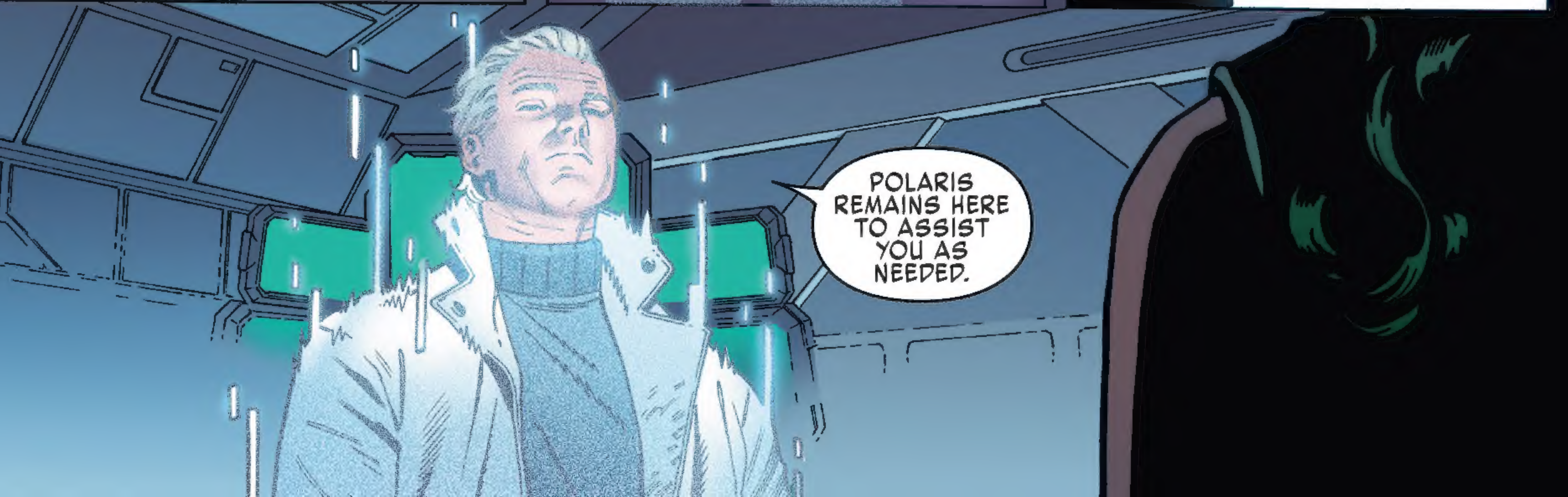
YOU'RE  
THE  
BOSS.



AS  
FOR THE  
RAKSHA...

PLEASE  
EXCUSE MY  
HASTE.

I MUST,  
HOWEVER, LEAVE  
MADRIPOOR IN  
YOUR CAPABLE  
HANDS.



POLARIS  
REMAINS HERE  
TO ASSIST  
YOU AS  
NEEDED.



COLOMBIA.

SENTINEL  
PRIME UNITS  
DESIGNATED 6  
THROUGH 9...

...REPORT FOR  
DIAGNOSTICS...

...AND  
PREPARE FOR  
INTEGRATION  
INTO HUMAN  
POPULATION.

WE  
HEAR, CORE  
COMMAND.

AND WE  
OBEY.

MISSION PARAMETERS  
DOWNLOADING.

YES, CORE  
COMMAND.

INVESTIGATE  
ANOMALOUS  
SECONDARY  
MUTATIONS.

IDENTIFY  
SOURCE.

ERADICATE  
THE MUTANT  
GENE.

AND  
HAVE FUN  
DOING IT.

RRRNECH-  
SHHHHHHHH

A  
BREACH--?

IMPOSSIBLE.

ONLY A PRIME  
SENTINEL MAY  
ACCESS THE  
PORTAL.

YES.





BUT...  
AS YOUR  
CREATOR...

...I THINK  
I FIT THE  
BILL.

SORRY YOU  
HAD TO DESTROY  
YOUR PRECIOUS  
LITTLE BABIES,  
BASTION.



NO, ALEX  
SUMMERS,  
YOU ARE  
NOT.

IF, HOWEVER,  
I THOUGHT YOU  
TRULY FELT CONCERN  
FOR MY PLIGHT, I  
WOULD TELL YOU  
NOT TO WASTE  
THE ENERGY.

THESE  
SENTINELS  
FOLLOW PROTOCOLS  
THAT CONFLICT  
WITH MY UTILITY  
FUNCTION.

THEY  
WERE HUMAN  
ONCE...

...BEFORE  
THEY WERE  
TRANSFORMED  
INTO MURDER  
ENGINES.



DO  
YOU FEEL  
SYMPATHY  
FOR THEM?

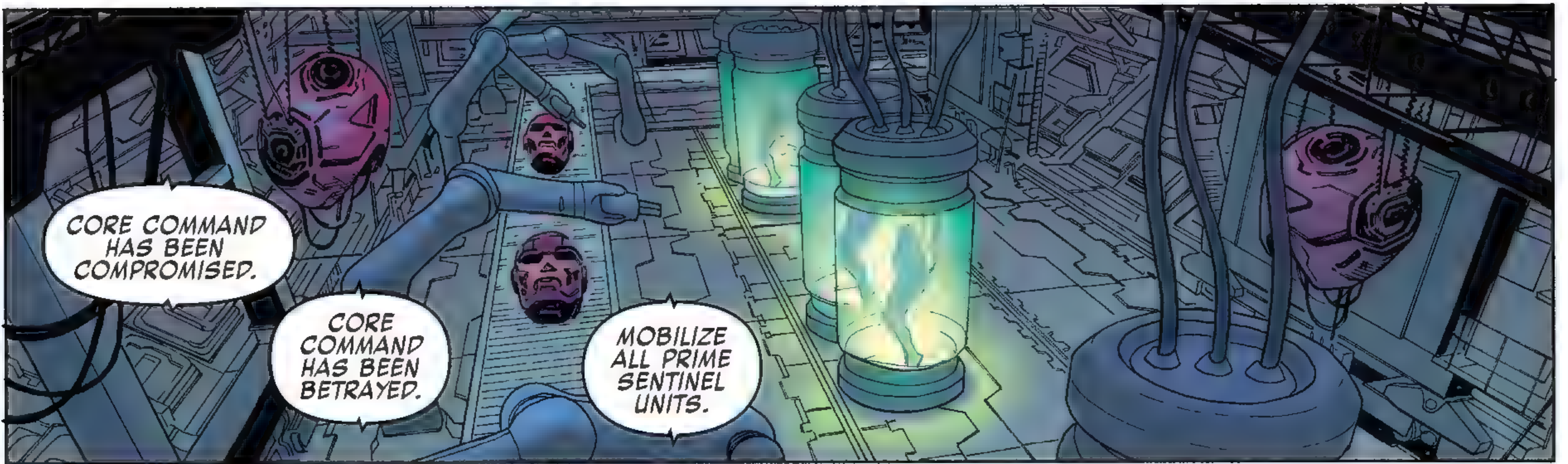


HM.

DID I SAY  
"HUMAN"?

I MEANT  
"FLATSCAN."

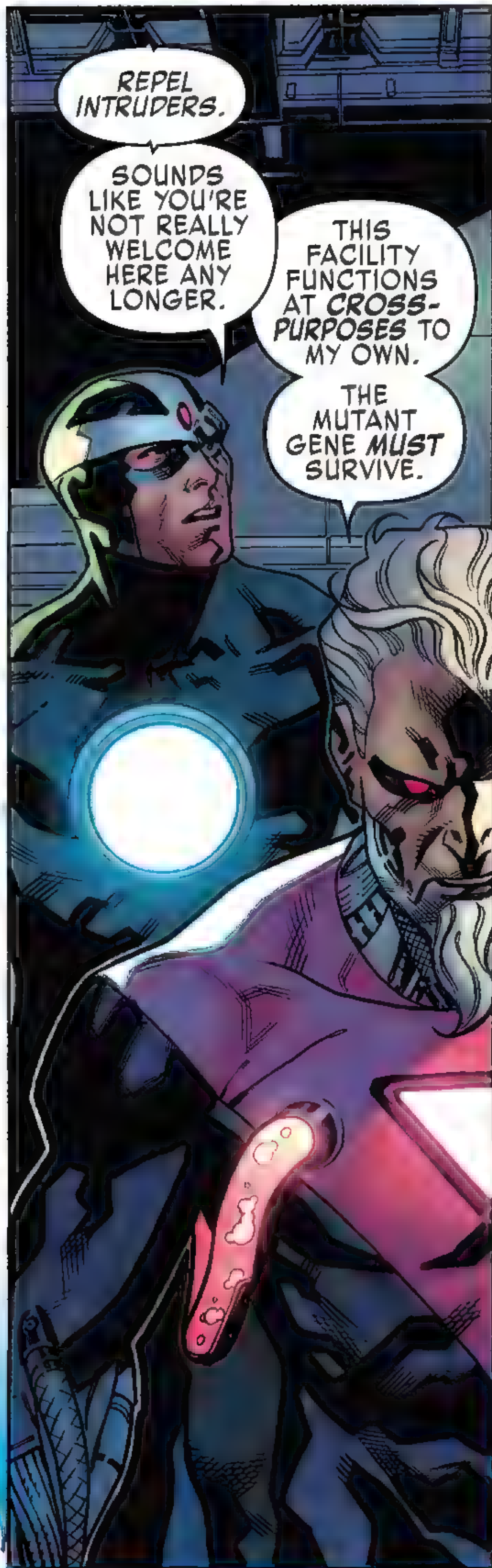




CORE COMMAND  
HAS BEEN  
COMPROMISED.

CORE  
COMMAND  
HAS BEEN  
BETRAYED.

MOBILIZE  
ALL PRIME  
SENTINEL  
UNITS.



REPEL  
INTRUDERS.

SOUNDS  
LIKE YOU'RE  
NOT REALLY  
WELCOME  
HERE ANY  
LONGER.

THIS  
FACILITY  
FUNCTIONS  
AT **CROSS-  
PURPOSES** TO  
MY OWN.

THE  
MUTANT  
GENE **MUST**  
SURVIVE.



DO YOU KNOW HOW  
**STRANGE** IT IS TO  
HEAR YOU SAY  
THAT?

OF  
COURSE.



CIRCUMSTANCES  
HAVE **CHANGED**,  
HAVOK.



TRUE...

...BUT I  
STILL GET A  
KICK OUT OF  
DESTROYING  
SENTINELS.

"ALEX SUMMERS...  
HAVOK... WAS  
ONCE AN X-MAN."

**URA-THROOOOOOM!**





WE KNOW OF HIM.

HE WAS A FRIEND TO PATCH... THE ONE YOU CALL WOLVERINE.

YOU'RE CALLED GAZING NIGHTSHADE, RIGHT?

WELL... DO YOU WANT THE TRUTH?

ALEX NEVER REALLY CARED FOR WOLVERINE.

HE NEVER HAD THE SOFT SPOT FOR HIM THAT THE REST OF THE X-MEN HAD.

NOW, I GUESS HE FEELS THAT WAY ABOUT ALL OF THE X-MEN.

YOU WERE LOVERS.

THE "CODE OF PATCH" DIDN'T REALLY TEACH YOU ABOUT SUBTLETY?

IT TAUGHT US THAT NUANCE IS A WASTE OF TIME.

YEAH... YOU AND MY FATHER ARE GOING TO GET ALONG FAMOUSLY.

ALEX AND I HAVEN'T BEEN TOGETHER IN A LONG TIME, SINCE LONG BEFORE HE... CHANGED.

BUT THE MAN HE'S BECOME... THAT'S NOT HIM.

HIS MIND... HIS PERSONALITY... HAS BEEN TWISTED INTO SOMETHING PERVERSE WHEN YOU COMPARE IT TO THE MAN HE ONCE WAS.\*

YOU KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT THAT.

YOUR MIND... WAS ONCE TWISTED AGAINST YOUR WILL.

ARE YOU USING YOUR SOUL-SEARCHING POWERS ON ME?

I CAN UNDERSTAND HOW YOU FEEL WITHOUT MY ABILITIES.

YOU ARE WORRIED ABOUT HIM.

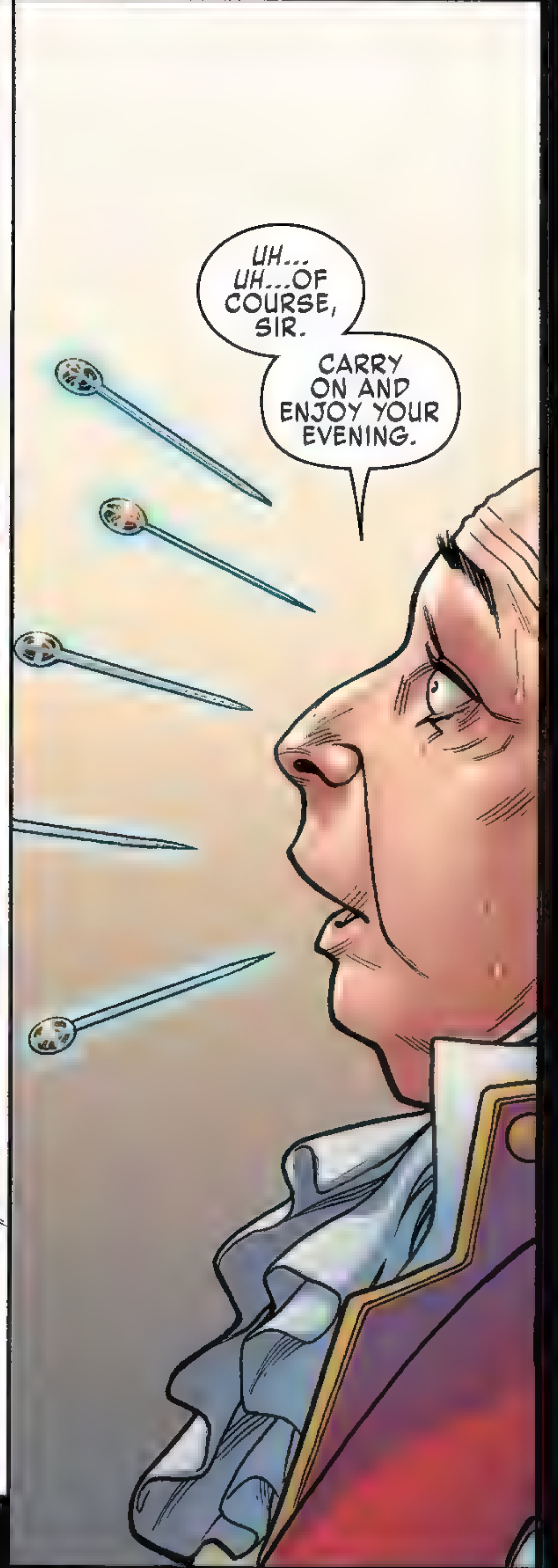
YOU HURT BECAUSE YOU THINK HE IS HURTING.

AND-- DEEP DOWN-- YOU BELIEVE YOU CAN CHANGE HIM BACK TO THE MAN HE WAS.

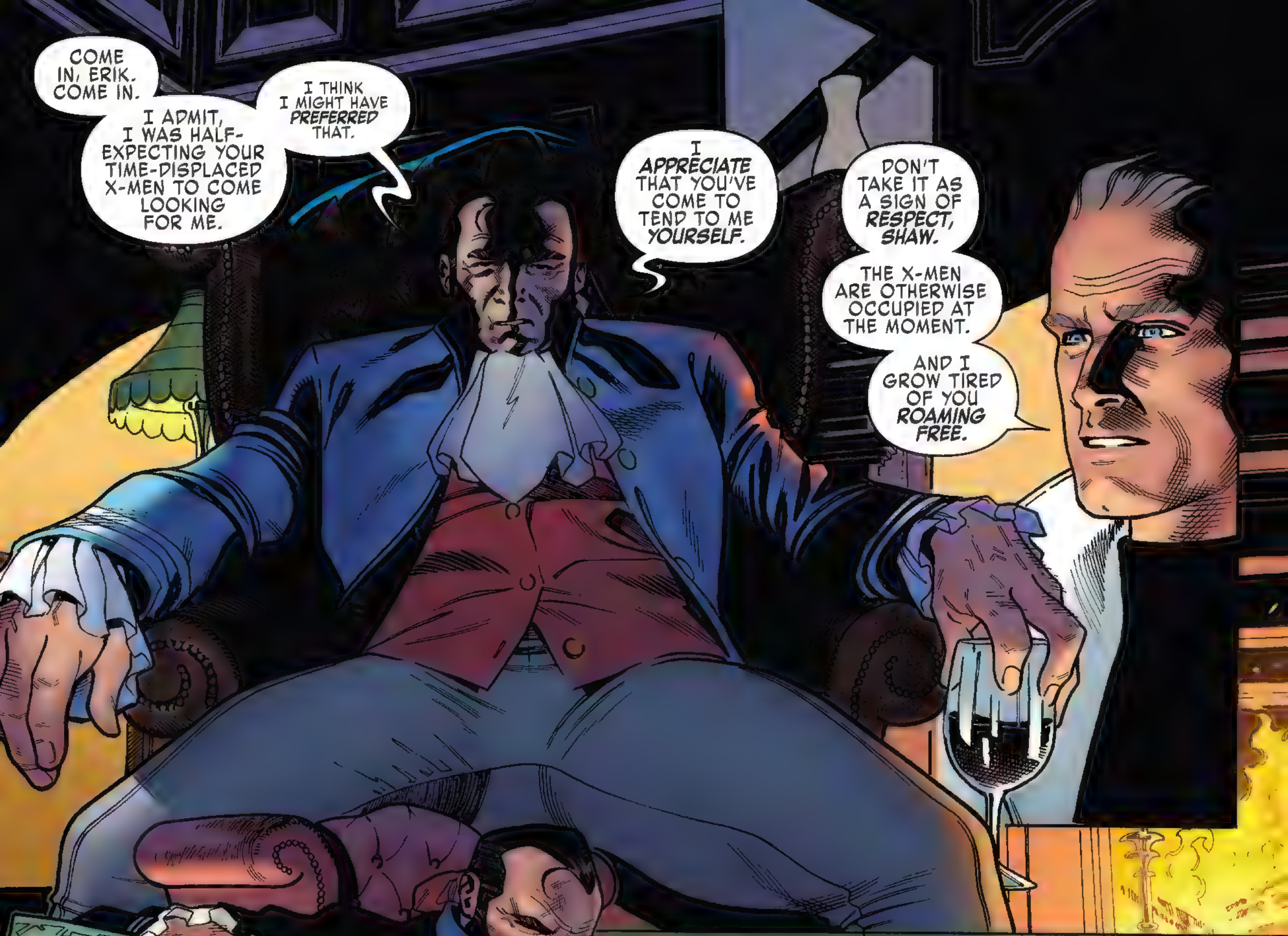
\*SEE AXIS! --DS



**THE HELLFIRE CLUB,  
LONDON, ENGLAND.**







COME IN, ERIK.  
COME IN.

I ADMIT,  
I WAS HALF-  
EXPECTING YOUR  
TIME-DISPLACED  
X-MEN TO COME  
LOOKING  
FOR ME.

I THINK  
I MIGHT HAVE  
PREFERRED  
THAT.

I  
APPRECIATE  
THAT YOU'VE  
COME TO  
TEND TO ME  
YOURSELF.

DON'T  
TAKE IT AS  
A SIGN OF  
RESPECT,  
SHAW.

THE X-MEN  
ARE OTHERWISE  
OCCUPIED AT  
THE MOMENT.

AND I  
GROW TIRED  
OF YOU  
ROAMING  
FREE.



FAIR  
ENOUGH.

BUT AT  
LEAST HAVE A  
DRINK WITH  
ME, EH?

FOR THE  
SAKE OF  
OLD  
TIMES.



HOW DID  
WE END UP ON  
OPPOSITE SIDES  
HERE?

WHERE  
DID WE  
GO WRONG,  
HMM?

YOU  
THREW IN  
WITH EMMA  
FROST.

SO DID  
YOU.



NOT WHEN  
SHE TURNED ON  
HER OWN KIND FOR  
THE SAKE OF HER  
REVENGE.

NO.

I SUPPOSE  
YOU DON'T LIKE  
IT WHEN OTHERS  
TRY TO STEAL  
YOUR ACT.

AH,  
WELL.



HURGH!





LET'S  
GET ON WITH  
IT, SHALL  
WE?

YOU...YOU'RE  
ABSORBING  
KINETIC ENERGY  
FROM THE AIR  
AROUND  
YOU--

A  
SECONDARY  
MUTATION.

IT'S CALLED  
MOTHERVINE.

AND YOU  
SHOULD FEEL  
BLESSED TO  
SEE IT IN  
ACTION.

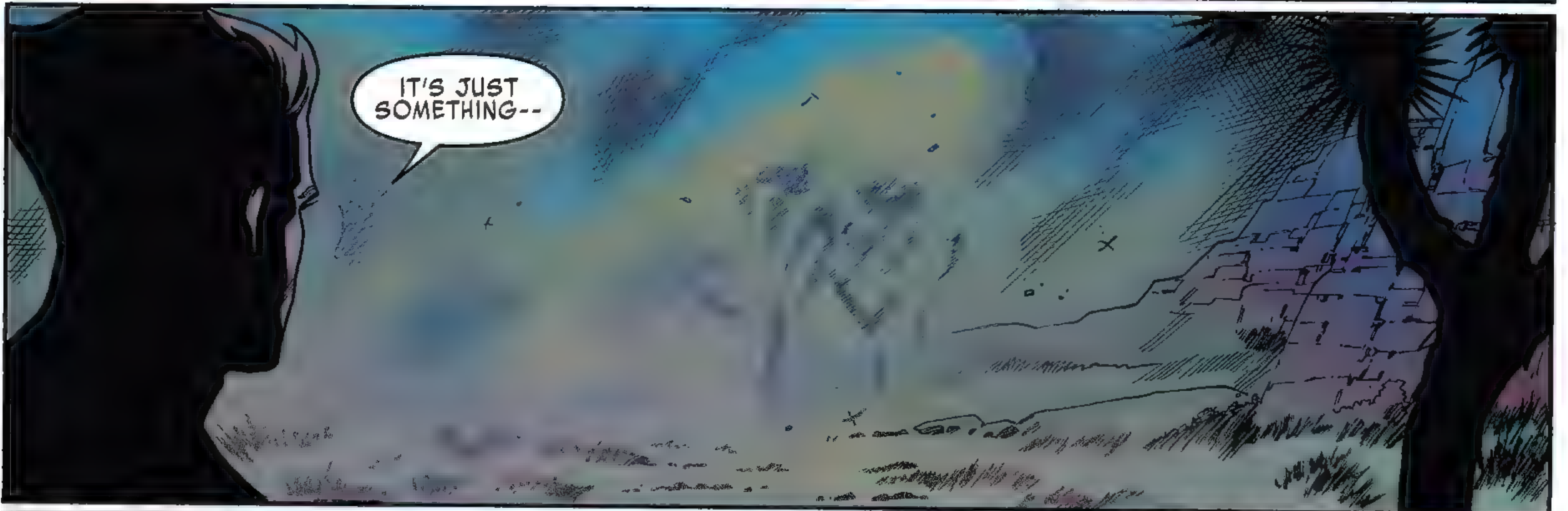
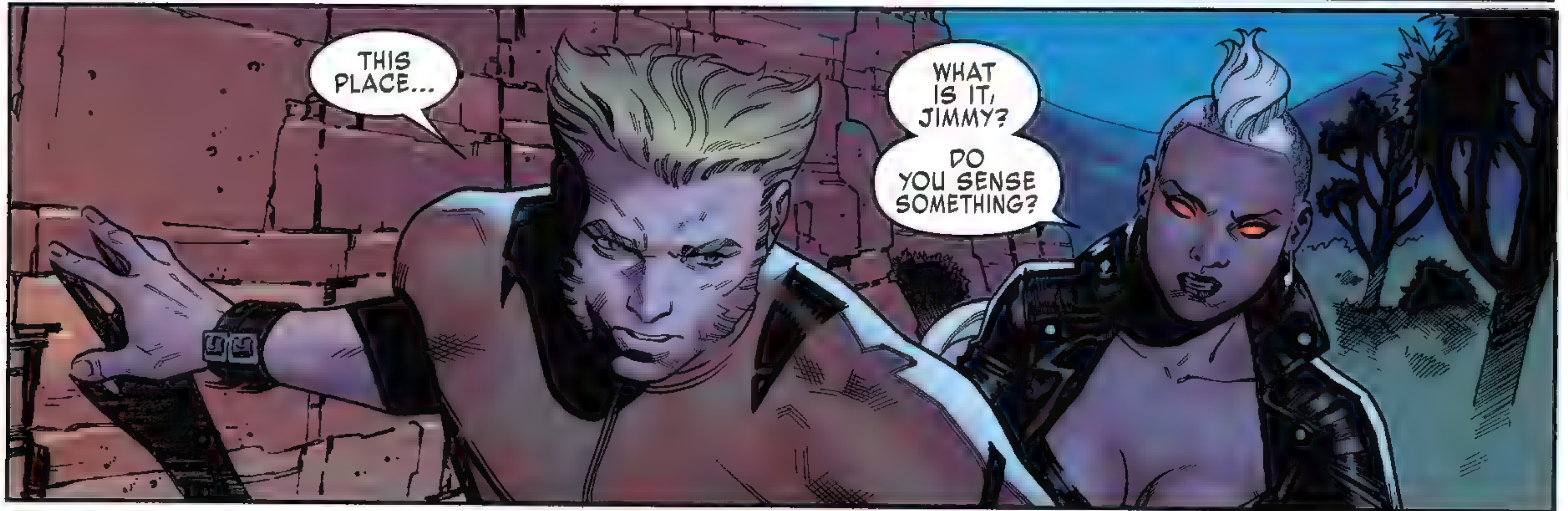
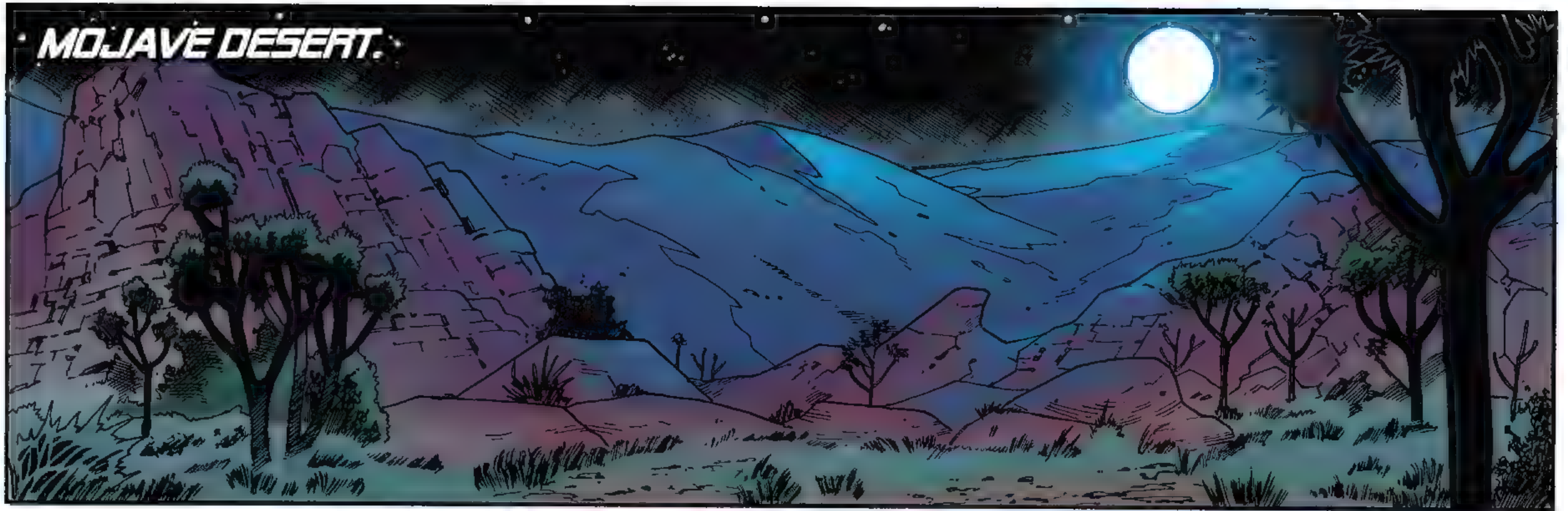
IT'S GOING  
TO SAVE  
MUTANTKIND.

YOU KNOW,  
ERIK, YOU'RE  
NOT AS *SMART*  
AS YOU *THINK*  
YOU ARE.

IF YOU  
WERE...IF YOU  
KNEW HALF AS  
MUCH AS YOU'D LED  
OTHERS TO  
BELIEVE...

...YOU  
WOULD HAVE  
LEFT ME  
ALONE.









SNFF!  
SNFF!

AND NOW  
I'M PICKING  
UP ON  
SOMETHING.

ON  
THE WIND...  
A SCENT I  
KNOW.

NOT  
FAR.

**SWIFT!**

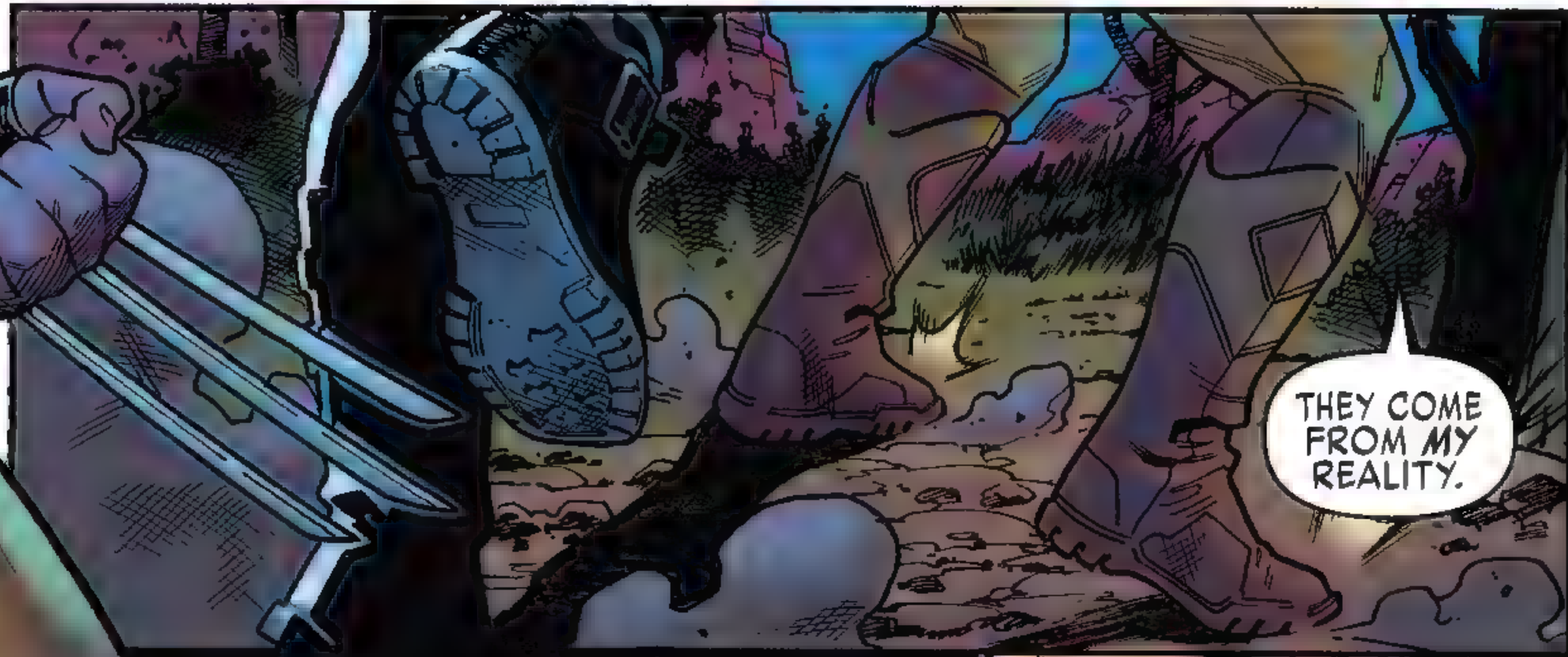


BY ALL  
MEANS, LET'S  
INVESTIGATE!



DOWN  
THERE!

THOSE  
PEOPLE--  
THEY'RE THE  
MARAUDERS!



THEY COME  
FROM MY  
REALITY.



"SOME OF  
THEM DO,  
ANYHOW."

I FOUND  
HIM, MACH 2,  
JUST LIKE I  
SAID.

THIS  
GUY, HE'S  
THE REAL  
DEAL.

SO  
I'M TOLD,  
TOAD.

AND  
THAT'S WHY  
WE'RE HERE  
TO EXTEND  
THE OLIVE  
BRANCH.

BUT  
WHO THE  
HELL IS THAT  
GUY?

I  
DO NOT  
RECOGNIZE  
HIM.

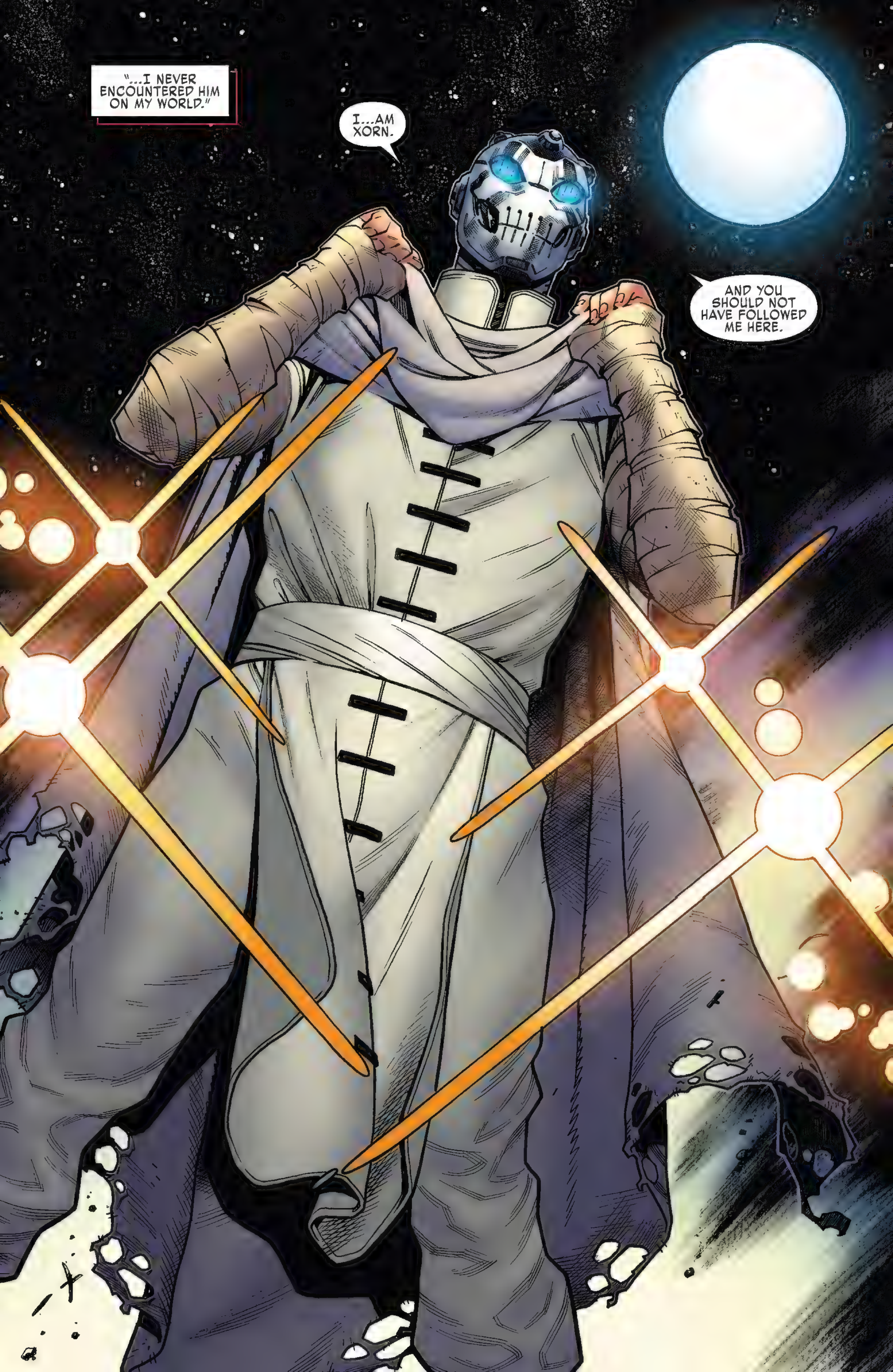
WHOEVER  
HE IS...



"...I NEVER  
ENCOUNTERED HIM  
ON MY WORLD."

I...AM  
XORN.

AND YOU  
SHOULD NOT  
HAVE FOLLOWED  
ME HERE.





ELSEWHERE.

WELL?

ARE WE  
READY FOR  
SOME FUN OR  
WHAT?

WE'RE  
CLOSE  
NOW.

SOON,  
WE'LL LAUNCH  
MOTHERVINE--

AND  
WHEN WE DO  
THAT?

WHEN WE DO  
THAT, EMMA...THE  
MUTANT POPULATION  
**QUADRUPLES**  
OVERNIGHT.

I'M STILL  
NOT CONVINCED  
THAT IT'S TIME  
TO EXECUTE THIS  
LITTLE SCHEME OF  
YOURS, MISS  
SINISTER.

WE STILL  
HAVE TOO MANY  
**LOOSE ENDS...**  
TOO MANY ENEMIES  
WHO MIGHT SPOIL  
**EVERYTHING.**

MAGNETO--

MAGNETO  
WILL COME  
AROUND TO  
OUR WAY OF  
THINKING.

ONCE HE  
SEES WHAT  
WE'RE DOING...  
HE'LL HAVE  
NO OTHER  
CHOICE.

AS FOR  
ANY OTHER  
THREATS, WE'VE BEEN  
WORKING OVERTIME  
TO ELIMINATE  
AS MANY AS  
POSSIBLE.

A FOUR-  
TIME INCREASE  
IN THE MUTANT  
POPULATION IS  
A GOOD  
START.

BUT IT  
IS **JUST** A  
START.

DO YOU HAVE  
PROJECTIONS  
FOR ADDITIONAL  
INCREASES TO  
THE MUTANT  
POPULATION?

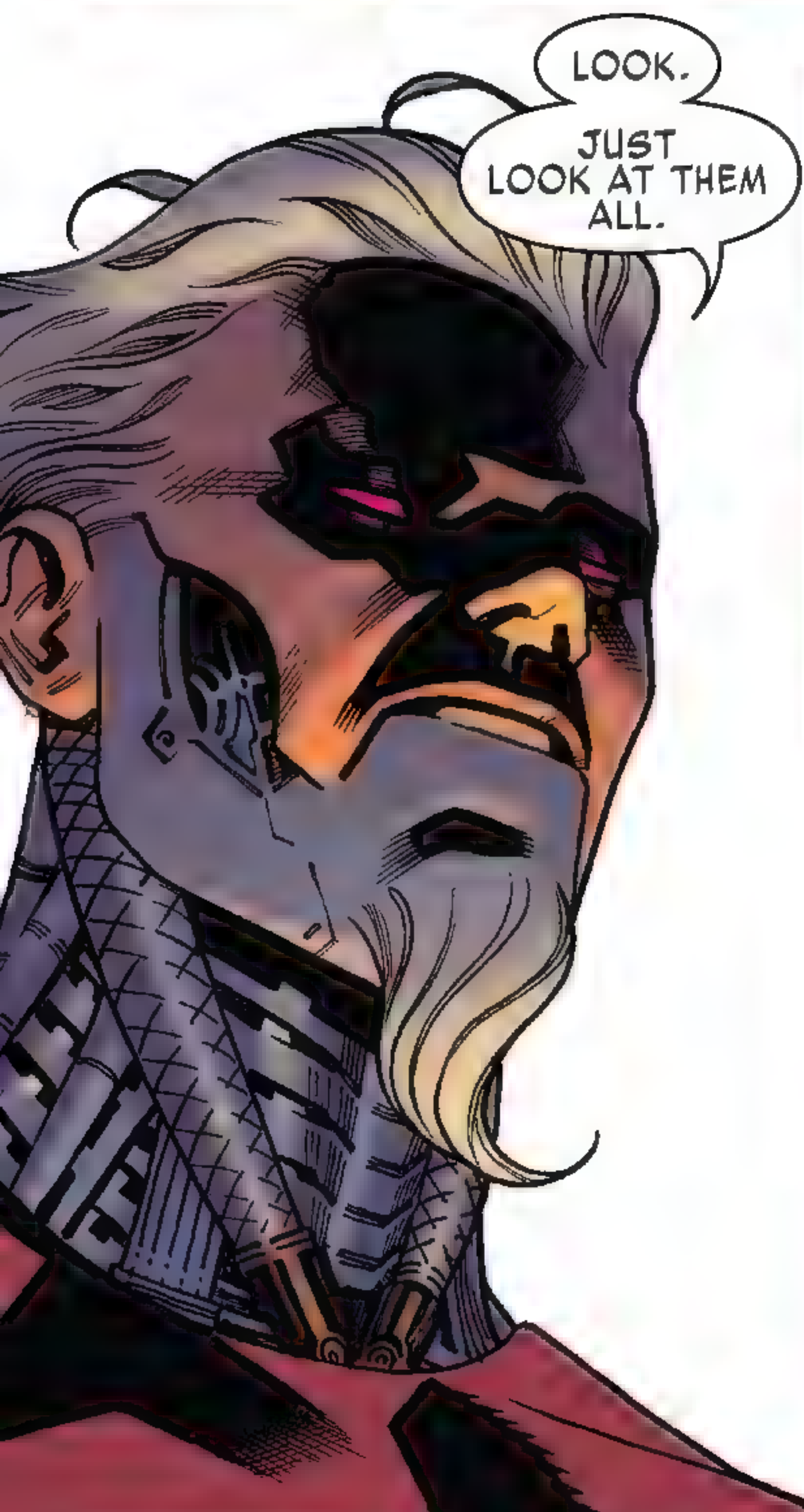




I'M SO GLAD YOU ASKED.

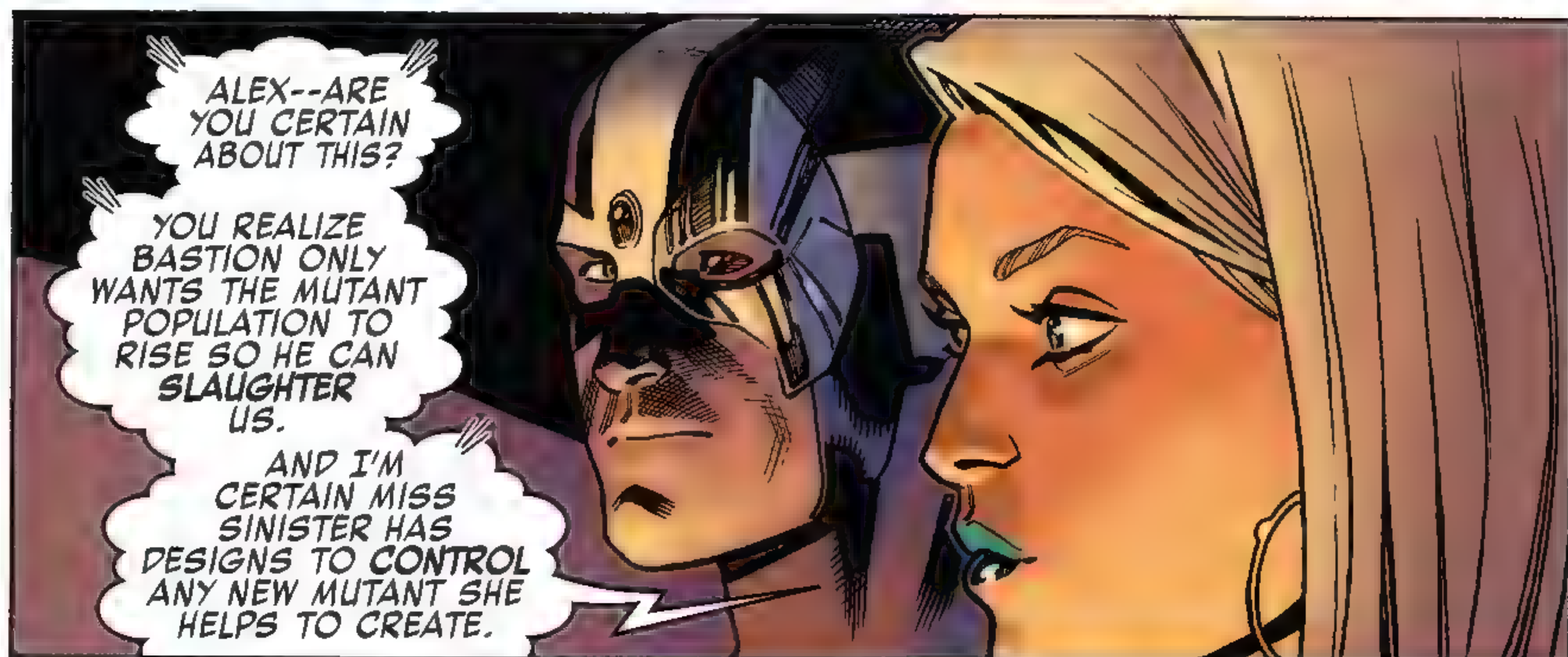
IN LESS THAN ONE YEAR, MUTANTS WILL BE THE DOMINANT SPECIES ON EARTH.

AND BY A WIDE MARGIN.



LOOK.

JUST LOOK AT THEM ALL.



ALEX--ARE YOU CERTAIN ABOUT THIS?

YOU REALIZE BASTION ONLY WANTS THE MUTANT POPULATION TO RISE SO HE CAN SLAUGHTER US.

AND I'M CERTAIN MISS SINISTER HAS DESIGNS TO CONTROL ANY NEW MUTANT SHE HELPS TO CREATE.



YOU'RE NOT GETTING COLD FEET, ARE YOU, EMMA?

WE TALKED ABOUT THIS.

WE NEED BASTION'S TECHNOLOGY AND MISS SINISTER'S SCIENCE.

WE KNOW THE PLAN. NOW WE JUST NEED TO STICK TO IT.

THEY'RE GOING TO BETRAY US, ALEX.



OF COURSE.

THAT'S WHAT I WOULD DO. THAT'S WHAT YOU WOULD DO.

AND THAT'S WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO... ONCE THE TIME IS RIGHT.



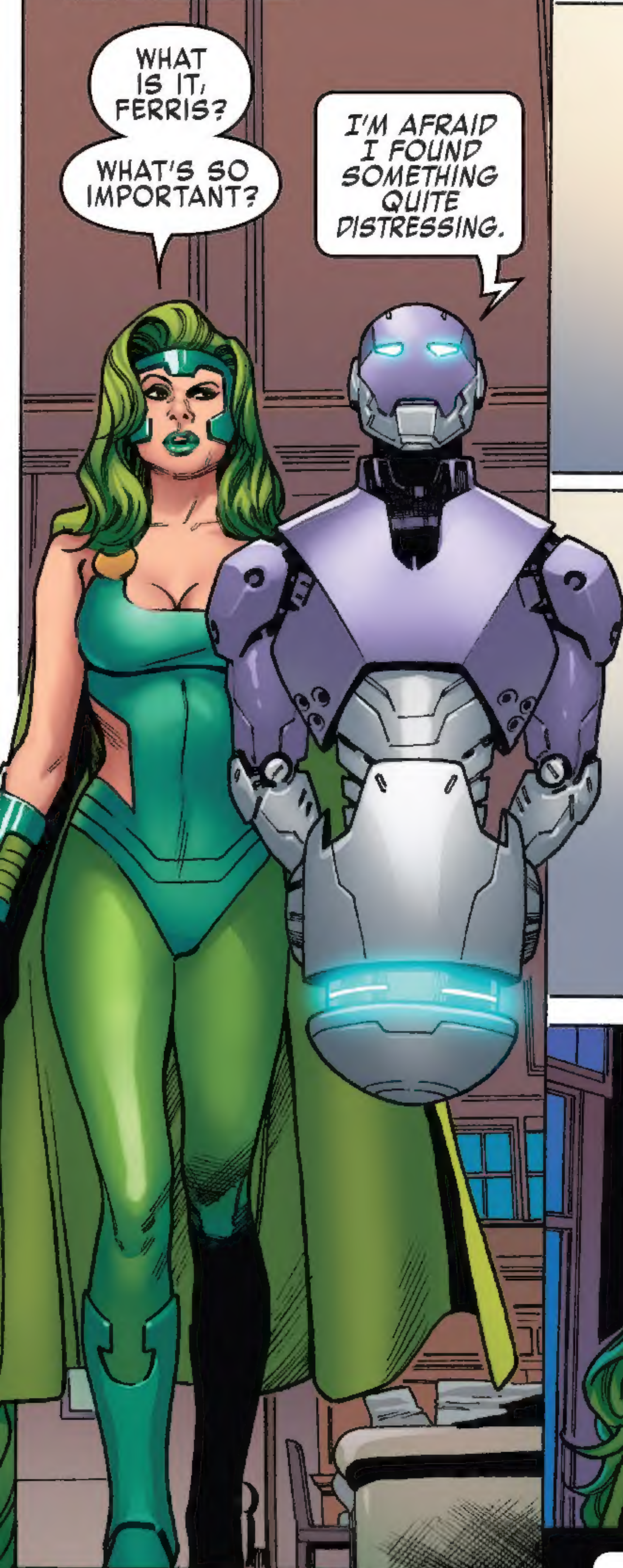
ONCE MOTHERVINE IS UP AND RUNNING... WE WON'T NEED BASTION OR SINISTER ANY LONGER.

WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THEM...

...JUST AS WE'LL TAKE CARE OF ANYONE ELSE WHO GETS IN OUR WAY.



BACK AT THE MANSION...



WHAT IS IT, FERRIS?

WHAT'S SO IMPORTANT?

I'M AFRAID I FOUND SOMETHING QUITE DISTRESSING.



AND IT COULDN'T WAIT?

I'M...UH...BABYSITTING A BUNCH OF NINJAS.



POP!

I WAS SEARCHING THROUGH MISS GREY'S BELONGINGS AND I STUMBLED ONTO A STRANGE OBJECT.

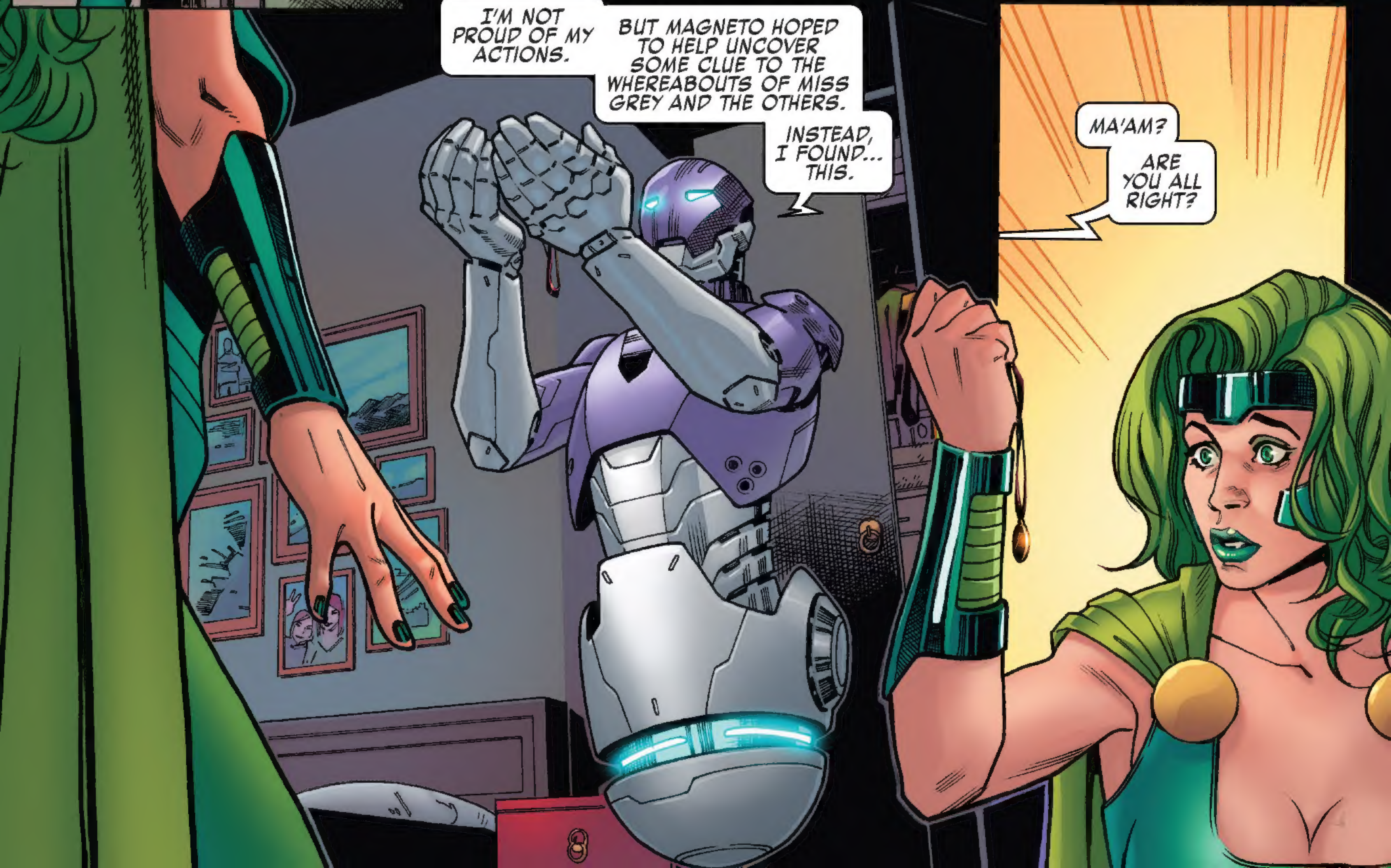
IT REGISTERS AN ENERGY SIGNATURE I AM NOT FAMILIAR WITH--



HOLD ON.

DOES MAGNETO HAVE YOU SEARCHING THROUGH DRAWERS?

I AM SO THANKFUL I DIDN'T GROW UP IN HIS HOUSEHOLD.



I'M NOT PROUD OF MY ACTIONS.

BUT MAGNETO HOPED TO HELP UNCOVER SOME CLUE TO THE WHEREABOUTS OF MISS GREY AND THE OTHERS.

INSTEAD, I FOUND... THIS.

MA'AM? ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?





I DID MY  
BEST TO GET  
LITTLE MISS  
GREY TO TRY  
ME ON.

BUT I  
JUST COULDN'T  
PUNCH THROUGH  
HER PSYCHIC  
DEFENSES.

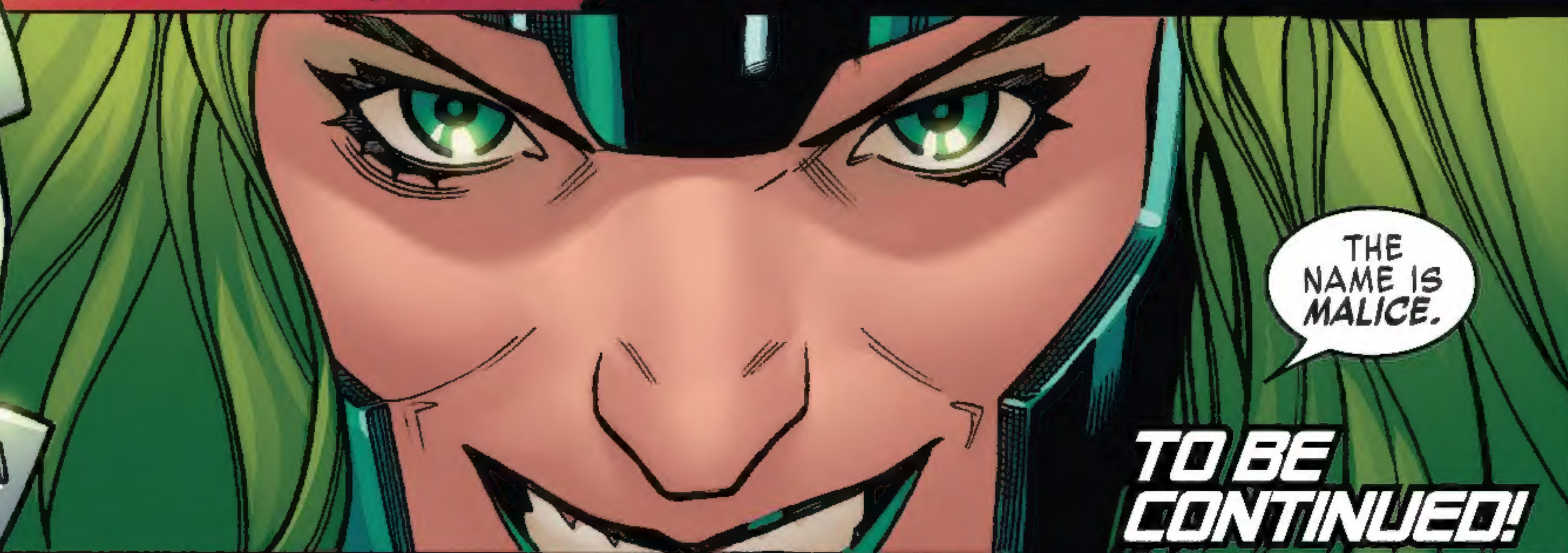
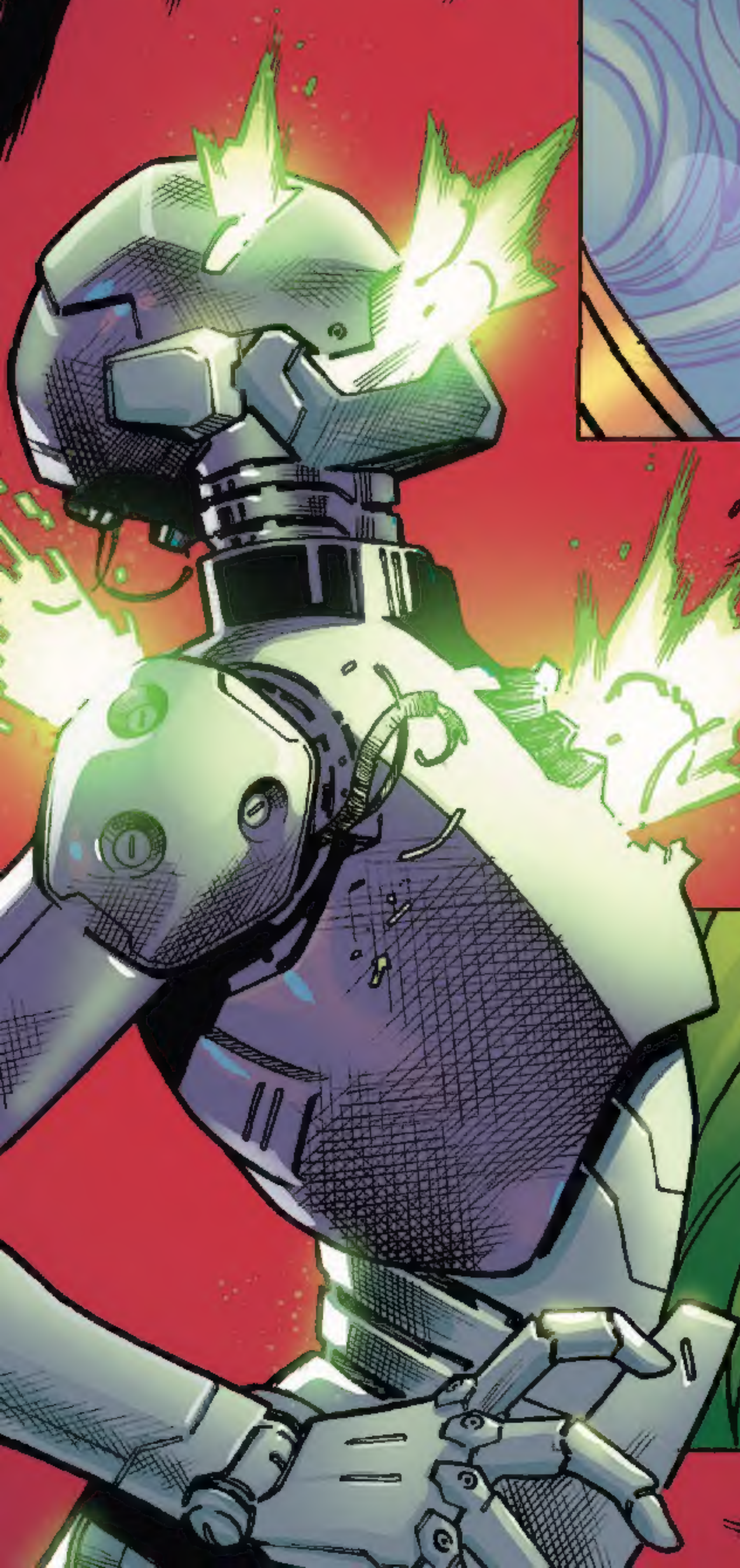
BUT *THIS*  
VESSEL...IT  
LOOKS LIKE SHE'S  
ALREADY SUSCEPTIBLE  
TO MY KIND OF  
INFLUENCE.

POLARIS?

I DON'T  
THINK I--

DON'T  
CALL ME  
THAT.

**VRRAAAZZZKK!**



THE  
NAME IS  
MALICE.

**TO BE  
CONTINUED!**



# X-MEN

## BLUE

X-MEN BLUE #24 IN TWO WEEKS



SEND YOUR LETTERS TO  
OFFICEX@MARVEL.COM

**NEW MUTANTS:  
DEAD SOULS #1**  
ON SALE NOW



**X-MEN GOLD #24**  
NEXT WEEK



**ROGUE & GAMBIT #4**  
IN THREE WEEKS





